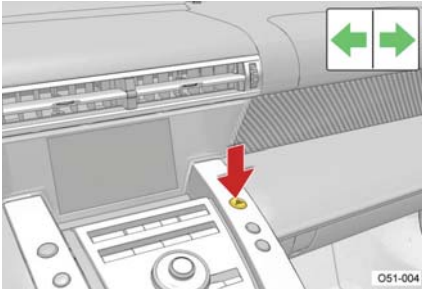


5-1.Essential information

Emergency flashers

Use the emergency flashers if the vehicle malfunctions or is involved in an accident.



Press the switch to flash all the turn signal lights. To turn them off, press the switch once again.

NOTICE

n To prevent battery discharge

Do not leave the emergency flashers on longer than necessary when the engine is not running.

5-1. Essential information

If your vehicle needs to be towed

If towing is necessary, we recommend having your vehicle towed and loaded/unloaded by your Lexus dealer or a commercial towing service, using a flat-bed truck.

Use a safety chain system for all towing, and abide by all state/provincial and local laws.

Before towing

The following may indicate a problem with your transmission. Contact your Lexus dealer before towing.

- 1 The engine is running but the vehicle will not move.
- 1 The vehicle makes an abnormal sound.

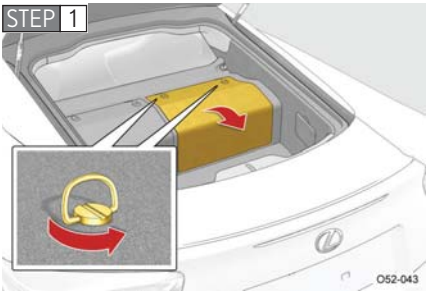
Emergency towing



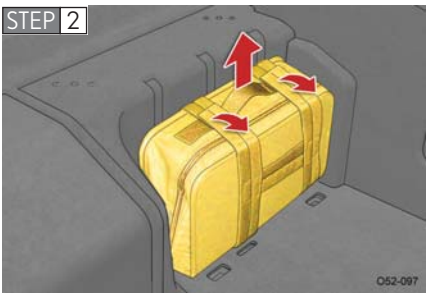
If a flatbed truck is not available, in an emergency your vehicle may be temporarily towed using a cable or chain secured to the emergency towing eyelet. This should only be attempted on hard, surfaced roads for short distances at low speeds.

A driver must be in the vehicle to steer and operate the brakes. The vehicle's wheels, drive train, axles, steering and brakes must be in good condition.

Taking out the towing eyelet and screwdriver



Open the rear hatch and remove the cover.

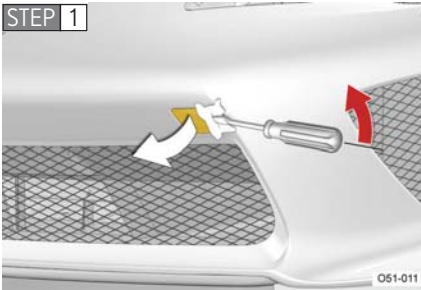


Release the belt and take out the tool bag.

Take the towing eyelet and screwdriver out of the tool bag.

Installing the towing eyelet

STEP 1



Remove the eyelet cover using a flathead screwdriver.

To protect the bodywork, place a rag between the screwdriver and the vehicle body, as shown in the illustration.

STEP 2



Insert the towing eyelet into the hole and tighten securely by hand.

Using a flatbed truck

Use a flatbed truck suitable for vehicles with low ground clearance. To prevent body damage, do not tow with a wheel-lift or sling type truck. We recommend having your Lexus dealer or a commercial towing service load and unload the vehicle whenever possible.

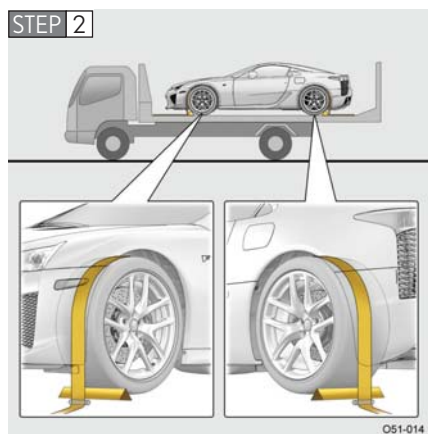
n Before loading the vehicle on a flatbed truck

Deactivate the tilt sensor. (→P. 56)

n After the vehicle is loaded

STEP 1 Select Neutral, apply the parking brake and turn the ignition switch to the “LOCK” position.

Use wheel chocks for all 4 wheels to prevent the vehicle from rolling.



Secure the vehicle by strapping the tires to the deck of the tow truck as shown.

n **Emergency towing procedure**

STEP 1 Start the engine.

If the engine cannot be started, turn the ignition switch to the “ACC” or “ON” position.

STEP 2 With Neutral selected, release the parking brake.

n **When using the towing eyelet**

Use the towing eyelet only when your vehicle is being towed.

Do not use the towing eyelet to tow another vehicle or to tie down your vehicle on a flatbed truck.

CAUTION

n **Caution while towing**

1 Use extreme caution when towing the vehicle.

Avoid sudden starts or erratic driving maneuvers which place excessive stress on the emergency towing eyelet and the cable or chain. Always be cautious of the surroundings and other vehicles while towing.

1 If the engine is not running, the power assist for the brakes and steering may not function, making steering and braking more difficult.

n **Installing towing eyelet to the vehicle**

Make sure that towing eyelet is installed securely.

If not securely installed, towing eyelet may come loose during towing. This may lead to accidents that cause serious injury or even death.

NOTICE

n **To prevent vehicle damage**

Observe the following precautions when using a flatbed truck:

1 Do not drive over wheel chocks, as doing so may damage the tires.

1 Do not tie down the vehicle over any parts other than the tires (do not use parts such as the suspension).

5-1. Essential information

If you think something is wrong

If you notice any of the following symptoms, your vehicle probably needs adjustment or repair. Contact your Lexus dealer as soon as possible.

n Visible symptoms

- 1 Fluid leaks under the vehicle
(Water dripping from the air conditioning after use is normal.)
- 1 Flat-looking tires or uneven tire wear
- 1 Engine coolant temperature gauge indicates that the temperature is higher than normal.

n Audible symptoms

- 1 Changes in exhaust sound
- 1 Excessive tire squeal when cornering
- 1 Strange noises related to the suspension system
- 1 Pinging or other noises related to the engine

n Operational symptoms

- 1 Engine missing, stumbling or running roughly
- 1 Appreciable loss of power
- 1 Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when braking
- 1 Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when driving on a level road
- 1 Loss of brake effectiveness, spongy feeling, pedal almost touches the floor

5-1. Essential information

Fuel pump shut off system

To minimize the risk of fuel leakage when the engine stalls or when an airbag inflates upon collision, the fuel pump shut off system stops the supply of fuel to the engine.

Follow the procedure below to restart the engine after the system is activated.

STEP 1 Turn the ignition switch to the “ACC” or “LOCK” position.

STEP 2 Restart the engine.

NOTICE

n Before starting the engine

Inspect the ground under the vehicle.

If you find that fuel has leaked onto the ground, the fuel system has been damaged and is in need of repair. Do not restart the engine.

5-1. Essential information

Event data recorder

This vehicle is equipped with an event data recorder (EDR). The main purpose of an EDR is to record, in certain crash or near crash-like situations, such as an airbag deployment or hitting a road obstacle, data that will assist in understanding how a vehicle's systems performed. The EDR is designed to record data related to vehicle dynamics and safety systems for a short period of time, typically 30 seconds or less.

The EDR in this vehicle is designed to record such data as:

- 1 How various systems in your vehicle were operating;
- 1 Whether or not the driver and passenger safety belts (seat belts) were buckled/fastened;
- 1 How far (if at all) the driver was depressing the accelerator and/or brake pedal; and,
- 1 How fast the vehicle was traveling.

These data can help provide a better understanding of the circumstances in which crashes and injuries occur.

NOTE:

EDR data are recorded by your vehicle only if a non-trivial crash situation occurs; no data are recorded by the EDR under normal driving conditions and no personal data (e.g., name, gender, age, and crash location) are recorded. However, other parties, such as law enforcement, could combine the EDR data with the type of personally identifying data routinely acquired during a crash investigation.

To read data recorded by an EDR, special equipment is required, and access to the vehicle or the EDR is needed. In addition to the vehicle manufacturer, other parties, such as law enforcement, that have the special equipment, can read the information if they have access to the vehicle or the EDR.